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Treatment of Minor Patients

To ensure the safety of minor children, effective **October 1, 2013**, the Department of Public Health and Social Services is requiring that parents or legal guardians of children under 18 years old bring the following documents before their children can receive medical treatment including immunizations:

- (1) Government-issued photo ID of parent or legal guardian
- (2) Child's birth certificate (only parent listed will be allowed to sign for the child) or legal guardianship papers

If another person is bringing the child, a written authorization from the parent/legal guardian is required. This applies to all services unless exempted by law. For more information, please contact Dr. Suzanne Kaneshiro, Chief Public Health Officer, at 735-7364.

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